

Carbon County Interagency Collaborative Minutes

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 9:00AM- 10:00AM

Attendance: sent as an attachment with minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion/updates/action
1. Welcome 2. Approval of January 12 <sup>th</sup> Minutes:	Minutes approved: Jenn Drake Second: Cindy Lynd Opposed: None
3. Treasurers Report: Cindy Lynd (AHEC):	Balance: \$2,859.64 Motion accepted: Donna Trimmel Second: Carolee Boyer
4. Speakers: Resource mapping and identifying gaps in services for children, <b>Rachel Miller &amp; Larissa Kimmel</b>	<p>This subcommittee stems from a conversation between Children and Youth and SHINE Program. What was noticed is a desire for increased communication, need to fill in gaps, and share resources and happenings in Carbon County.</p> <p>Three main areas of focus were noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Train CYS staff on resources, engagement skills and other pertinent topics (Trauma, Mental Health First Aid, etc.)</li> <li>2. Create a Liaison type position for Children and Youth to provide resource information to parents               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Possible ways to do this through United Way-paid intern through AmeriCorp</li> <li>b. Look for funding streams to build this position</li> <li>c. Gather data that shows benefit-offset costs of out of home placement</li> <li>d. Seek county sustainability</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Consider a Universal Referral Form that can be used across services for children.</li> </ol> <p>Open discuss feedback to identify existing resources for children and families in Carbon County, as well as identify gaps that may exist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing shortages have contributed to the gap in connecting children and families to resources</li> <li>• Job Corps is working with a lot of youth that are being referred from Children and Youth. All our kids are at risk in some way, and we work a lot with kids who are aging out of foster care.</li> <li>• Head Start provides education and family support for children under kindergarten age who meet program income guidelines. In the past we have had an MOU signed between our agency and C&amp;Y in which we are able to share that personal information, however, for some reason we have been unable to get that MOU with C&amp;Y for the last 2 years.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behavioral Health Associates supports children and adolescents through our educational programs and outpatient services.</li> </ul> <p>What are other counties doing that we can explore and adapt for Carbon County?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Way offers a service called “Family Navigators” in Lehigh County where they are helping support the caseworkers with mentors by doing screenings with families and making referrals to other services. Mentors that are school based are working with the kids who are involved with Children and Youth, SHINE, etc. and would like to see communication strengthen with mentors. This support can be provided through the AmeriCorps programs.</li> </ul> <p>Next step: Develop a vision for 3-5 years from now and develop steps or framework to realize the goal(s).</p> <p>If you would like to join the committee, please contact Rachel Miller <a href="mailto:rkmiller@lccc.edu">rkmiller@lccc.edu</a> or Larissa Kimmel <a href="mailto:larissa.kimmel@cmpsystemsofcare.org">larissa.kimmel@cmpsystemsofcare.org</a></p>
<p>5. Old Business</p> <p>Annual Human Service Breakfast</p> <p>Funding and webpage opportunities: Sharon Alexander</p> <p>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Supports: Donna Trimmell</p>	<p>Annual Human Service Breakfast 2022: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, 9:00AM; Invitations have been emailed and a follow-up will be sent</p> <p>Grant cycle is open now! We have four funds accepting grant applications: Fund for Carbon County, the Penny Allison Early Childhood Fund, Scouting Support Fund, &amp; Computer Career Accelerator Fund. Applications are due April 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>NEPA Gives Kick-Off Party for Carbon County nonprofits 3/10 from 4-6pm at Radical Wine Company. The event will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Open to 501c3 organizations to learn more about raising money on NEPA Gives. More info: <a href="https://cccfoundpa.org/nepagives_kickoff_party_2022/">https://cccfoundpa.org/nepagives_kickoff_party_2022/</a>;</p> <p>Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grants for economic diversification in Appalachian communities. Applications due April 29th. More info: <a href="https://www.arc.gov/event/power-2022-pre-application-workshop/">https://www.arc.gov/event/power-2022-pre-application-workshop/</a></p> <p>Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau (PMVB) grants for projects to improve quality of life in Pocono Mountain area (including Carbon County). Applications due April 30th. More info: <a href="https://www.poconomountains.com/about-us/grants/">https://www.poconomountains.com/about-us/grants/</a></p> <p>GRC (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren) Coalition Annual Conference: Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>; Looking for speakers, specifically attorneys  Next meeting: Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 via TEAMS. For all info, contact: Howard Grossman 570-262-3443© <a href="mailto:grossmanhj@aol.com">grossmanhj@aol.com</a></p>

<p>Subcommittee updates:          -Transportation: Larissa Kimmel          -Strategic Planning: Gina Nichols</p>	<p>Transportation Subcommittee:          -Updated contract at the end of the calendar year. Subcommittee met 3/9 to get updates on how things have improved and how to move forward. Excited to see that results of the committee are making an impact!</p> <p>Strategic Planning Subcommittee:          -Planning to align this committee with “resource mapping and identifying gaps in services for children subcommittee” discussed by our speakers Rachel Miller and Larissa Kimmel. Please fill out survey for feedback on the State of the Child and Family Report. <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D9M6Q58">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D9M6Q58</a></p> <p>-Results from Survey: 15 survey responses; a majority of respondents have read the most recent State of the Child and Family Report from 2019, but did not use it for work related purpose throughout their organization. Some ways individuals did use the report include the following: look up reference information, distribute to other organizations to use as a resource, to understand demographics for young children who qualify for Dolly Parton Imagination Library program in Carbon County; scouting general populations, and when working on the Department of Aging/Carbon County Aging 4-year plan. In addition, respondents shared some ways to improve the report for upcoming years such as: distributing more specifically to agencies for use, include how the data tells a story about children and families in need, include more hands working on it, digital friendly format, better content with organization/categorization, and an agency directory.</p>
<p>6. New Business</p> <p>Carbon Early Childhood Literacy:  <a href="#">Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Reach out and Read/Brush, Book, Bed</a>, Rosemarie Lister</p>	<p>Dolly Parton Imagination Library currently has 763 families in Carbon County signed up. If you need additional information, please reach out to Dana Stebelski or Kerri Quick. Reach Out and Read, which is with the Pennsylvania American Academy of Pediatrics, is a program that every time a child comes to their well visit at a St. Luke’s practice in Carbon County, the entire staff is trained on how to engage families and how important it is to talk, sing, read, and play with your child consistently. The visits provide the child with an age-appropriate book and a lesson on why literacy is important. The program also includes messaging on Brush, Book, Bed since Carbon is a dental shortage area.</p>
<p>7. Self-Introductions and Agency Reports</p>	<p>Chat updates: can be placed in meeting chat and then saved into minutes          Email updates: include “<b>Carbon Interagency Update</b>” in title</p>
<p><b>BKK Street Outreach Program (Jen Pantella):</b> St. Peter’s Community Resource Center has applied for multiple grants for capacity building and is working hard to provide more services to our county residents and continuing to partner with area agencies and nonprofits to expand our network of supports &amp; referrals. If interested in partnering contact D’Ache at <a href="mailto:bkksprc@gmail.com">bkksprc@gmail.com</a>; BKK Street Outreach Program just had it’s 1 year anniversary, March 3rd and is in the process of finalizing data and reports to reflect on county impacts since program launch. Hope to have those numbers available by April. If anyone is interested in volunteering or learning more about the program please contact <a href="mailto:jenpantella@gmail.com">jenpantella@gmail.com</a>; Mighty Oak Ministries has submitted a proposal and awaiting</p>	

government approval to host 50 Ukrainian Orphans in our area. If anyone is interested in becoming a host home please reach out to Jessica Engler at [engler@moministries.org](mailto:engler@moministries.org)

**Cancer Support Community:** Resources for families affected by cancer are available. Dr. Fratamico presented on chronic blood cancers during a virtual seminar. A great turnout and allowed LVHN to highlight the oncology support services that are being offered in Carbon County. Anyone who would like to view the talk, please contact Jen Sinclair for the recording at 610-861-7555 x26. Continuing to offer programs weekly in Carbon. Many of them are held virtually as well at Turn to Us. Visiting the Environmental Center in Leighton on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon for a yoga class.

**Carbon Corps:** Recruiting for the 2022-2023 school year. Marsha Macalush is doing virtual information sessions twice per month to provide a general overview of the program and then will schedule a 1:1 with those interested. If any of you know someone who might be interested, please contact her at [marsham@unitedwayglv.org](mailto:marsham@unitedwayglv.org).

**Carbon County Head Start:** We are always enrolling, will be sending out information about enrollment for the 2022-2023 the end of April or beginning of May. We also are hiring for multiple positions. If you have any referrals or would like additional information, please call the center at 610-377-5671. and your call will be directed accordingly.

**Carbon County "Right from the Start":** No cost Parent Education & Kindergarten Readiness. Accepting referrals for any family in Carbon County with children prenatal to kindergarten entry. No income guidelines. Email [ekuehner@jtasd.org](mailto:ekuehner@jtasd.org)

**Carbon, Monroe, Pike MHDS:** "Handle with Care" program; all school districts are involved in this program as well as many local police departments and 911 centers. How it works: if a child is on scene when emergency responders are called out, they might be at risk for increased trauma reactions. The goal is to reduce this. When the children are identified by name, DOB, and school, that information is put into a referral form that goes through the attorney general's office and then goes to the schools to handle that child with care. No other information is shared. Trauma Training Series: Lakeside Global Institute Curriculum. It goes through trauma informed care, vicarious trauma, there are 8 different courses offered through systems of care.

**Compassionate Care Hospice:** Please welcome Compassionate Care Hospice and Ryan Lohman to the Interagency Council! Ryan Lohman can be contacted at [ryan.lohman@amedisys.com](mailto:ryan.lohman@amedisys.com) 484-553-9704

**Donna Trimmel:** Our schools have begun working with LCCC student teachers to expand our programming. We are also working with Kutztown University to showcase "Art in Alternative Educational Settings". The schools are also opening their own school libraries. Our PRIDE program is organizing Community Clean Up Days

**Eastcentral AHEC:** Several opportunities for training this spring/summer. We are offering Community Health Worker (CHW), Mental Health First Aid for adults and youth and CPI (crisis prevention intervention). Offering both virtual and in-person options. Email [lmasterson@ecneahec.org](mailto:lmasterson@ecneahec.org) for details.

**Job Corps:** Job Corps is open and recruiting for traditional enrollments. We are still following Covid protocols including a quarantine period for those who are not vaccinated when they come aboard. We are bringing 20 students on board each week and look forward to seeing a full campus soon. Any

questions can be brought to Laurel Matson-Bonner's and can arrange for an information session in person or virtually. Professional info sessions/virtual tours are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 3pm. [MatsonBonner.Laurel@jobcorps.org](mailto:MatsonBonner.Laurel@jobcorps.org)

**LCCC (Amber Zuber):** Morgan Center at LCCC: Makers Space powered by the SHINE Program has its grand opening on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. Spring Open House at the main campus is April 21<sup>st</sup>; also offering follow-up tour and information session event at the Morgan Center on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-5PM. Offering a Morgan Center Family Fun Night through the Remake Learning Program on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-6PM; open to any families and children of all ages. Healthcare and Basic Life Saving and CPR for healthcare providers on April 4<sup>th</sup> and accelerated EMT program begins on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Lehigh Valley Health Network:** LVHN Child Advocacy Center serves the most vulnerable children and their families through a multidisciplinary community partnership that provides evaluations, treatment, and a coordinated response to promote justice. Please contact Lisa Liddington for more information. [lisa.liddington@lvhn.org](mailto:lisa.liddington@lvhn.org); 610-969-2452

**Penn State Extension:** Offer Free classes teaching people how to eat healthy on a limited income for 3 under-served populations: 1. Parents who have children under the age of 19, 2. Senior Citizens, 3. Pregnant Women. We have specifically tailored curriculums for each of these groups. Our classes can be done virtually. Each participant who finishes the program receives a Certificate and a reusable grocery/cooler bag containing a cookbook, meat thermometer, flexible cutting board and more! I'm now scheduling classes for May & June. Contact Info: Keri Byrne, Nutrition Education Adviser. Penn State Extension: Monroe & Carbon Counties- [kab62@psu.edu](mailto:kab62@psu.edu), 570-420-7011

**Self-determination Housing of Pennsylvania (Gabbreell James):** SDHP Conference- Housing as a Human Right: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022: <https://www.inglis.org/programs-and-services/inglis-community-services/self-determination-housing-of-pennsylvania-sdhp/sdhp-conference-housing-as-a-human-right> "Home Modifications for Independence" program: <https://www.inglis.org/programs-and-services/inglis-community-services/self-determination-housing-of-pennsylvania-sdhp/home-modification-program>  
Information & Referral Request: [Information & Referral Request \(office.com\)](https://www.inglis.org/programs-and-services/inglis-community-services/self-determination-housing-of-pennsylvania-sdhp/home-modification-program)  
Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund Survey: [Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund Survey \(office.com\)](https://www.inglis.org/programs-and-services/inglis-community-services/self-determination-housing-of-pennsylvania-sdhp/home-modification-program)  
Hiring for: Regional Housing Coordinator (East Region) [Regional Housing Coordinator \(East Region\) | Inglis](https://www.inglis.org/programs-and-services/inglis-community-services/self-determination-housing-of-pennsylvania-sdhp/home-modification-program); Manager of Statewide Programs: [Manager of Statewide Programs | Inglis](https://www.inglis.org/programs-and-services/inglis-community-services/self-determination-housing-of-pennsylvania-sdhp/home-modification-program)

**St. Luke's University Health Network:** Have begun work on converting the emergency department at the Lehighon Hospital campus into a behavioral health walk-in center open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Ability to assess, stabilize, and triage patients. Moving behavioral health services from Bowmanstown site to Lehighon Hospital campus so the outpatient physician and provider offices will be there along with two inpatient units. St. Luke's is bringing a rural psychiatric residency program to Carbon County and will begin in July with 3 residency slots. St. Luke's is offering a Caregiver Support Group (virtual until further notice). For more information: <https://go.activecalendar.com/sluhn/event/caregiver-support-group---virtual-until-further-notice-126/>; Women and Children's Center in Palmerton will be offering counseling services for mom's suffering from post-partum depression, anxiety, and additional services. Looking to add lactation support services to this location; currently hiring for positions. In the future, the site is looking to offer prenatal education classes. Expected opening is May 2022. If anyone needs at home COVID tests, St.

Luke's has COVID-19 tests available that expire at the end of the month. If your organization would like some, please reach out to Kerri Quick at [Kerri.Quick@sluhn.org](mailto:Kerri.Quick@sluhn.org)

**United Way:** Our early literacy programs are expanding into Carbon - we are introducing "Transformation of Small Spaces" initiative - Family Promise is the first agency on board and we are working on getting them the materials.

8. Next meetings: Secretary RL set up reoccurring meeting invite	Every other month, the second Tuesday of each month from 9-10am as follows: <b>May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022</b>
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Please email Carbon Interagency Secretary [rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org](mailto:rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org) with any clarifications/corrections

Thank you!